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BENNETT

"DE BON VOULOIR SERVIR LE ROI." Translation: "WE SERVE OUR COUNTRY WITH A READY WILL."

"The name Bennett is Norman-French in origin. Originally it was a common dimunitive of the name Benedict, a frequent Christian name bestowed in honor of St. Benedict.

"Throughout Irish history the Bennetts seemed to have been more noted as merchants, civic leaders, and literary men than as soldiers or landowners. Their names are found most frequently in records of the medieval guilds. They made their homes chiefly in Dublin and other...centers of commerce.

"The ancestors of the Irish Bennetts came to Ireland with the early Norman conquerors and...assimilated Gaelic culture and traditions. In Ulster, the family name frequently appears as McBennett, while in most other sections of the country it survives its original Norman form...."
--William Haywood Bennett--

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"The crest consists of helmet, doublet, and shield with upraised hand holding a thistle. The colors are gold, pale green, gray and red." Ibidem.

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Appreciation to William Haywood Bennett of Miami, Florida for this interesting contribution.

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This is by no means a perfect compilation of the Bennett genealogy; only a record of the people who are not living, something of each, the names of their children, education, their present abode, occupation where so known, and the relation step-by-step one to another.

And the place to begin is at the beginning.

In January of 1959, initial steps were taken to compile the information on the following pages and to set it in chronological order as a record to those of the Bennett family should they so desire it. In addition, the enjoyment I have received from doing this has been immeasurable.

The interest evinced from letters received, the helfulness of the kind remarks, has encouraged me to say 'Thank you' with sincerity and warmth. For, without both, I surely would have failed in this self-appointed task.

I wish that I were able to meet each of you personally and to sit down and talk with you, to meet your families and friends, and for you to know me. Part of my wish has come true in this past year. Your letters were received with anticipation and gratitude. To those of you I have met for the first time and have enjoyed your company, please allow me the privilege of continuing to know you better.

Even though the miles which separate us are great, the distance is easily bridged by a letter or thought.

I am reminded that each and every man or woman clutches to himself that which seems to be immortal, and strives to the end of his days to accomplish a serenity of soul and mightiness of stature. Should our strength be so great we would fall in defeat of those things called 'Honor', 'Integrity'and 'Love'.

Look with pride to your name. Guard it with jealousy. For life itself would be nothing should it be debased or cast around like a soiled rag. Be proud of your name and your heritage; if you are not proud of them, who will be?

The following information may be expanded to include all things your family is noted for. A guide to future reference of individual members of the Bennett family; their religion, education where so given; names of children; occupation where known; war records of the male members.

If pertinent information has been omitted concerning your family, I wish to apologize.

Horace LeRoy Bennett
Greensboro, N.C.
March, 1960.

From a letter sent to me by Mrs. Florence Ferguson of New Hill, N.C., the following record was enclosed: (Mrs. Ferguson is a resident of New Hill in Wake County, N.C.)

"John Bennett was born January 5th, 1802. (Census records of Wake County state he was born in Virginia). Gilly Sugg his wife was born October 31, 1807. Marshall Bennett, eldest son of said parents was born July 28, 1826. William H. Bennett, the second son, was born December 19, 1828. Joseph Z. Bennett, third son, was born May the 10, 1831. Russell J. Bennett, fourth son and the last one of his mother, was born January 9th, 1834.

"Gilly Bennett, consort of John Bennett, was born October 31st 1807 and departed this transitory life on the 9th of June, 1835.

"Joel Sugg was born February 16th, 1781 and was married October 25th, 1804. Kessiah, his wife, was born August 27, 1782. Warren Sugg, eldest son of Joel Sugg, was born September 30, 1805. Gilly Sugg, eldest daughter of said parents, was born October 31st, 1807. Kessiah Sugg died August 24th, 1808.

"Russell M. Sugg was born September 28th, 1811. Merit A. Sugg was born May 26th, 1814. Polly Sugg was born March 7th, 1816." (Evidently, Joel Sugg was married a second time, but name of spouse not given.)

Census records show proof of residence in the Swift Creek Community (township) of Wake County, North Carolina.

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A marriage bond issued to John Bennett and witnessed by William Sugg, Jr. stating intent of marriage to Gilly Sugg is dated 24th of December, 1824. Date of marriage was probably within the week. No marriage certificate is extant. The earthly remains of these two are buried in the Bennett family cemetery below New Hill, North Carolina.

It is a matter of conjecture that the parents of John Bennett are buried in Wake County. Census records of Chatham County, the adjoining county, show conclusively on pps. 484, 485, 486, 493, of the census of 1850 that other families of Bennett's were residents of the Lower Regiment township. Their names and ages are as follow:

1. William Bennett & Wife Mary. Ages 39 and 42 Respectively.
   Eight Children in this family.
2. Charles Bennett & Wife Sophia. Ages 40 and 38.
   Three Children in this family.
3. Alvin Bennett & Wife Angelit. Ages 30 and 27.
   Two Children in this family.
4. Stephan Bennett & Wife Guinivieve. Ages 28 and 24
   Two Children in this family.

Henry Marshall Bennett, b.7-28-1826. d.12-31-1875. m. Sallie Hunter. b.1-16-1836. d.11-1-1890.(daughter of Alsey Hunter) Marriage ceremony performed by James Adams, Justice of the Peace, April 2, 1854. Buried in Holly Springs Baptist Churchyard, Holly Springs, North Carolina. (Wake Co).

Children:

Virginia H. Bennett. b.7-12-1855. d.8-24-1941. Married twice to two Nichols, One an uncle & the last a nephew of the uncle. A.W. Nichols, The latter a resident of Smyrna, Georgia. Virginia was nurse.

Thomas J. Bennett. b.9-13-1860. d.10-21-1860.

Walter Edgar Bennett. b.----1866. d.6-1-1954. Married twice. 1.Zillah Kitchen. m.4-24-1889. d.6-10-1892. 2. Frances M. Yeoman. b.11-24-1872. d.----1930.
Children; Winifred Bennett. b.7-6-1890. d.8-18-1937, married Harry Gould. No issue
Henry Maxey Bennett. b.5-24-1892. d. married Helen Virginia Horton, 11-25-1915, Lives Earlville, N.Y.
Children;
1. Richard Gordon Bennett. b.9-22-1916. Married Reatha Albright. M. Earlville, N.Y.
Children;Monte Bennett. b.6-29-1942.
Marcia Bennett. b.6-15-1945.
Eileen Bennett. b.8-9-1948.
Richard Bennett. b.10-9-1951.
2. Jean Frances Bennett.b. 10-13-1918. Married Robert C. Cook. M. Washington, D.C.
Barbara Jean Cook.b.4-24-1943.
Betty Sue Cook. b.12-13-1946
Patricia Anne Cook. b.2-19-1948.
Robert E. Cook. b.9-27-1951.
Richard E. Cook.b.8-31-1956.
3. Walter Edgar Bennett. b. 10-13-1920. Married Shirley J. Gale. M. Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
Sharon Sue Bennett. b.2-29-1945.
Terry Lee Bennett. b.7-15-1948.
4. Henry Maxie Bennett. b. 8-8-1924. Married Annabelle Holmes. M. Pooleville, N.Y.
Gary Allen Bennett. b. 5-4-1942
Lisa Ann Bennett. b. 8-5-1943.
5. Robert Ernest Bennett. b.10-1-1936. Married Beverly Jane Bridge. M. Madison, N.Y.

Henry Maxey Bennett and wife stopped by for a short while on their way to vacation in Florida. Henry is a retired Power Company employee and lives in Earlville, N.Y. Both Henry and wife Helen are in their sixties, healthy, kindly disposed and very friendly.

Frances Ruth Bennett. b.10-6-1897. d.7-10-1936. married Robert Crone. One child, Frances Ruth Crone. Mother died in childbirth. Child lives at 536 Hillside Street, West Orange, New Jersey.
Charlotte Bennett. b. 2-5-1901. Married Charles Edmund Braden 10-15-1927. No issue. Preceding females daughters of Walter & Frances M. Yeoman Bennett.

Henry Adolphus Bennett. b.8-24-1874. d.1-13-1928. Married Anna Merkt in Lanesboro, Pennsylvania. Anna Bennett died 11-23-1926. No issue.

The following is an excerpt from the Family Record of Henry Maxey Bennett & Helen, his wife. Earlville, N.Y.----------

Issac Hunter. b.1-15-1760.d.9-27-1831. wife(no name) b.(no date) d.11-27-1838.
Alsey Hunter. b.3-20-1790.d.11-5-1860.
Polly Hunter. b.12-7-1791.d.10-25-1866.
Sallie Hunter. b.1-10-1794.d.6-30-1854.
Perry Hunter. b.9-9-1796.d.7-11-1860.
Jacob Hunter. b.2-18-1799.d.8-13-1873.
Joseph Hunter.b.10-18-1801.d.10-4-1831.
Annie Hunter.b.2-28-1804.d.5-2-1871.
Dolly Hunter.b.3-23-1806.d.4-30-1886.
Diddy Anna Hunter.b.6-3-1808.d.3-3-1867.

Up to this point the family of the first son of John & Gilly Sugg Bennett has been brought forward to the year 1960. The sources from which I have obtained my information are as follow: 1-Henry & Helen Bennett of Earlville, N.Y. The Public Library of the City of Greensboro, N.C. The Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina. The roster of the Confederate States of America & North Carolina. Land Grant Records of Chatham County, Raleigh, North Carolina. Department of Vital Statistics, Pennsylvania.Also involved are the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Raleigh, North Carolina, my second cousin, Mrs. J.C. Mann of Apex, North Carolina; Mrs Florence Ferguson of New Hill, North Carolina; Mrs. John Knox Haighwood, my great-aunt, Lillington, North Carolina; Other sources are Wake Forest College; Historian of Holly Springs Baptist Church and Mrs. Margaret Price of New Hill, North Carolina.

Marriage bonds and marriage certificates may be obtained by writing to Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The second son of John Bennett & wife Gilly was named William Haywood Bennett. From a marriage bond issued on the 27th day of February, 1856 we find that he had stated his intent to marry Maria C. Suggs. This engagement was consummated in their marriage on March 16, 1856 and was performed by Johnson Olive. A record of this marriage certificate is on file in the State Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina.

William Haywood Bennett. b.12-19-1828. d.2-15-1903. married Maria C. Suggs. (parents of the spouse not known). William Haywood Bennett, farmer, Baptist, buried in Bennett family cemetery, Wake County. Full name of wife is Maria Catherine Suggs.

Children:

John Dawson Bennett. b.3-22-1857 Wake County, N.C. Married Mary Jane Olive. b.10-13-1855. John Dawson Bennett died June 21, 1900 and is buried in family cemetery in Chatham County. His wife died October 11, 1923 and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery (old sect) Durham, North Carolina.
Children:
William Henderson Bennett. b.2-1-1884. Married to Fannie Reed Matthews. Born in Chatham Co., presently resides at 5440 S.W. 7th st., Miami, Florida. Is retired barber. Church affiliation--Methodist.
Children; Olive Hendry Bennett. b.8-18-1918. Raleigh N.C. Unmarried. Lives 2231 California St., N.W. Washington, D.C. Occupation--Technical Assistant Director & Personnel Director, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
Frances Lee Bennett. b. 12-31-1919. Married Ernest C. Bush. Resides at 5106 S.W. 5th Terrace, Miami, Florida. Registered Nurse & Housewife. Baptist. Has two daughters. Barbara Ann Bush. b.4-11-1947. Carolyn Jean Bush. b.2-15-1950. Baptists. Born in Doctors Hopital, Miami, Florida.

Luna Clyde Bennett. b.7-21-1882 in Chatham County, near New Hill, N.C., now lives in Durham, N.C. Is housewife, Baptist, married January 15,1908 to James Robert King. b.1-6-1880 in Wake County near Neuse, N.C. Is Druggist, Baptist.
Children; Fred Oliver King. b.1-24-1909. d.11-16-1909. buried Maplewood Cemetery (old section) Durham, N.C.

Mary Margaret King. b. 11-10-1910 in Durham, N.C. Is school teacher, Baptist. Married August 8, 1936 to Hubert Taylor Woods. b.12-4-1910. d.9-5-1950. Durham. Buried Maplewood Cemetery (new section) Durham, N.C.
One daughter- Jean Courtney Woods. b.11-12-1948 Is Baptist.

Lois Clyde King. b.11-2-1914. Durham, N.C. Is secretary, Baptist, married July 24, 1948 to Wallace Reid Goodwin. b. 12-24-1913 in Durham, N.C. U.S. Post Office. Baptist. No children.

James Robert King, Jr. b.6-13-1917 in Durham. Lives in Durham County. Insurance Agency. Is Baptist. First married to Swanie Ferrell. No children. Second marriage to Dorothy Marie Hutchins(Guthrie) October 1, 1955. b.11-22-1928 Is secretary. One daughter--Karen Rebecca Guthrie. b.10-28-1948. Baptist.
One son--James Robert King,111, b.4-26-1957.

Alfred Henderson King. b.9-4-1920. Durham, N.C. Druggist, Baptist. Durham, N.C. Married December 3, 1942 to Jane Phillips Barbee. b. 11-6-1923, Durham, N.C. Is housewife, Baptist. Children; Thomas Sullivan King.b.10-6-1946.
Marcia Jane King, b.3-14-1948
Susan Grey King. b.3-30-1952.

Houston Bennett. Lived near New Hill, N.C. Was farmer, Baptist. Died in mid-twenties. Buried in Shady Grove Baptist Churchyard, Chatham County. Married Luzinia Upchurch. Latter died in late 1920's. Baptist, buried in Bennett family cemetery, New Hill. Had two children.

Carlyle Bennett married Vera Mann, Three children. Gary Bennett, Carl Edward Bennett and Ruby Bennett

Estelle Bennett married Mills Crayton. Two Children from this marriage. Doris Crayton and Cecil Crayton. Doris is dead. Cecil and wife Wilma have two children, Kathy and Randy.

The last information in a letter from Florence Ferguson dated 8-16-1959.

Olivia Bennett. Spinster, died in early 1920's. Baptist, buried in Bennett family cemetery, Wake County after parents death lived with Houston Bennett.

Houston Bennett and Olivia Bennett were brother and sister to John Dawson Bennett.

Continued on the next page is the family of Blanche Vertula Bennett, sister to William Henderson Bennett and daughter of of John Dawson Bennett.

Blanche Vertula Bennett. b.4-20-1888. address 208 Knox Circle, Durham, N.C. Occupation, housewife. Is Baptist.

quoted verbatim is an addendum to this family.
(Mother has been married twice. The first time to my father Henry Battle Abernathy who died December 22, 1913. She married John W. Wilkinson on December 20, 1937. He had four sons by a previous marriage.)

Mary Helen Abernathy Bowden. b.8-24-1907. Durham, N.C. Address 814 Green Street, Apt. A4 Durham, N.C. Occupation, stenographer, American Suppliers, a division of The American Tobacco Company, for twenty-three years. Is member of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. Harold Carlton Bowden, husband, divorced March 8, 1947.

Children: Harold Carlton Bowden, Jr. b.11-5-1931 Address 602 Mitchell Street, Kinston, N.C. Occupation, foreman, Dupont Corporation. Is Presbyterian. Married to Norma Fay Rigsbee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Rigsbee, Durham, N.C.
Children: Harold Carlton Bowden,111. b.6-21-1954, Chapel Hill, N.C.
David Jackson Bowden, b.9-11-1955, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Keith Mitchell Bowden. b.8-17-1957, Martinsville, Virginia.

John Mitchell Bowden. b.1-12-1933. Durham, N.C. Address 851 Bryden Rd., Columbus, 16, Ohio. Occupation, clerk in office of Phillips Petroleum Co. Church affiliation--Presbyterian. Married to Molly Robenia Atkins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles T. Atkins, Durham, N.C. They have no children.

Helen Jane Bowden(Van Order). b.11-29-1937, Durham, N.C. Address 1500 Collier Drive, Charlotte, N.C. Occupation, housewife. Is Presbyterian, Married to John Albert Van Order, son of Mrs. Paul Welsh, Faculty Apts., Durham, N.C. They have no children.

The above information furnished in great part by Mrs. Helen Bowden of Durham N.C. This completes the information of the family of William Haywood Bennett, second son of John & Gilly Sugg Bennett of the community of Swift Creek, Wake County, North Carolina.

Joseph Zebulon Bennett

Born May 10, 1831, in or near what is now Apex, North Carolina, in the Swift Creek Township of Wake County, Joseph Zebulon Bennett was the third son of his parents, John and Gilly Bennett.

Joseph was small in physical stature. He possessed that finite quirk of energy and inquisitiveness characteristically found in people who have a penchant for the profession of teaching. To this endeavor he directed his strength and mind, being in the while, encouraged by his father.

Gainfully employed before he was twenty earned him a niche in the fabric of the community. Between the years 1850 and 1860 he lived in the house of his father and only later did he have a home of his own. Until this day, April 2, 1960, the old home place is still in the possession of a direct descendent, Mrs. J.C. Mann.

Joseph Zebulon Bennett did not serve in the Confederate States Army. The cause is not known. It can only be surmised that his occupation was essential to the state itself which realized the value of education for itself--- not for a means to justify the end results.

Secession of North Carolina from the United States brought frustration to the threshold of many families, including the family of Pharis and Harriett Bledsoe Yates.

Deeming it wise to prevent their daughter Eugenia from marrying Joseph, they sent her to finishing school at Oxford College, Oxford, North Carolina. Their objections came to naught, for she returned home and was married to Joseph on June 21, 1863 by Reverend A.D. Blackwood, minister of the Gospel. Joseph was thirty-two years old and Eugenia was seventeen.

After their marriage he continued in his profession until the infirmities of age and the passage of time caused his retirement. Joseph, the third son of his parents, and the third to die, expired November 22, 1906.

Following is the chronology of the family of Joseph and Eugenia Yates Bennett, the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, even unto the youngest and newest, my own son.

Horace LeRoy Bennett
Greensboro, North Carolina
April, 1960

Joseph Zebulon Bennett

Joseph Zebulon Bennett. b.5-10-1831. d.11-22-1906. Married Eugenia Adeline Yates, daughter of Pharis and Harriett Bledsoe Yates, June 21, 1863, by A.D. Blackwood, MG. Eugenia born 10-1-1845. Died March 10, 1926. Joseph buried in Bennett cemetery, New Hill, N.C. Eugenia buried in Antioch Baptist Church, Wake County.

Children:

1-Octavia Bennett. b.5-8-1864.d.2-3-1892. Married William Geddy Woodward. (

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Two children:

a- Vida Octavia Woodward. died in infancy.

b- Mary Jackson Woodward.b. 1885. Married Dr. J.C. Mann. Lives on Town Mountain Rd., Apex, N.C. Received instruction from her grandfather, matriculated at Greensboro Industrial and Normal School. Was teacher in Cary School for twenty years. No issue.

2-Mary Bledsoe Bennett. b.1-2-1867. Lives on Main Street, Lillington, N.C. First marriage to John Knox Haighwood.

Two children:

a- Mamie Haighwood. b. Not married. Is postmistress, Lillington, N.C.

b- Carl Haighwood. b. Married. No children. Wife teaches school in Fayetteville, N.C. Carl, Manager of A&P Stores, Fayetteville, N.C.

Mary Bledsoe Bennett, after the death of her first husband, married Joseph Wicker, since deceased.

3-Cary Dexter Bennett. b.9-18-1868. is semi-invalid at rest home of J.C. Roland, Holly Springs, N.C. Committed by daughter Hula. Married Dora Dean Pendergraft. b.10-27-1872. Died in early 1920's. Was for many years car motorman on Raleigh transit company. Became carpenter in 1920's. Owned general store at Bunn, N.C. Worked as carpenter at Seymour-Johnson Air Base, Goldsboro, N.C. during early forties. Died March 7, 1962 Buried March 10, 1962 Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh, N.C.

The family of Cary Dexter Bennett continued on following page.

Continued- Family of Cary Dexter Bennett

Children:

a- Chester Edwin Bennett. b.10-20-1892. k. 4- -1937. Atlanta, Georgia. Buried in Decatur cemetery, Decatur, Georgia. Wife's name Ruby. Chester married twice. Name of first wife not known. No issue. Chester served in AEF, WW1, France. Old Hickory Division. Was Railroad Engineer with Rail service in France. Killed by acetylene explosion in Southern Railroad shops.Last time I saw Uncle Chester was in June, 1935, in Winston-Salem, N.C. He and wife Ruby drove up from Raleigh and carried our family on picnic. Of medium height, sandy hair, green-gray eyes, possessed good sense of humor.

b- Laurier Jefferson Bennett. b.5-20-1896. Married Era Ruth Smith of Kernersville, N.C., daughter of Noah and Lucy Young(nee) Smith. b.4-26-1898. Kernersville, N.C. Laurier born at Cary, N.C. in house of Joseph Zebulon Bennett. Attended Cary School, Cary, N.C. and Wiley School, Raleigh, N.C. Is Baptist, Mason, 32 degree Mason, Shriner. Is Engineer with Southern Railway, active employment since employment April 17, 1917. Previous employer Seaboard Airline RR, Norfolk Division. Was drafted but never served in WW1. Wife Era instructed by father at Bluff School, attended and graduated Kernersville High School. Attended business college, Winston-Salem, N.C. Employed by Bowen Piano Company and worked as secretary, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Met and married Laurier Jefferson Bennett. Married by Peter Jimison in Baptist Church on 4th Street, Winston-Salem, N.C., December 26, 1919. Is Baptist (Grace Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C.). Lives with husband, L.J., 28 Wilshire Drive, Asheville, N.C.

Children of Laurier Jefferson And Era Ruth Smith Bennett continued on following page.

Continued- Family of Laurier Jefferson Bennett and wife, Era Ruth Smith (nee) Bennett.

1- Mary Elizabeth Bennett- b. 1-6-1921. born in The house of Era's parents located on Hastings Hill Rd. about two and one-half miles from Kernersville, N.C. Educated in city schools of Asheville, N.C. and Winston-Salem, N.C. Graduated from Lee Edwards High School, Asheville, N.C., 1938. Graduated from Biltmore College, Asheville, N.C. and from Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee, N.C. June, 1943. Taught High School English, Spanish, Math, 1943-1944, Polkville, N.C. Was Civil Service employee, instructor of math, English, history, Spanish, at Vocational Rehabilitation Center, Veterans Hospital, Swannanoa, N.C. 1944-1957. Is married to Robert Edward Liverett (Born in state of Ohio. Reared and educated in Asheville, N.C.). Robert is graduate of Lee Edwards High School, Blanton's Business College, Asheville, N.C. Employee of Youngblood Motor Lines, rates department, Skyland, N.C. Mary and husband Robert have one child, Dierdre Ann Liverett, b. 5-2-1957. Presbyterians. Members of First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N.C. Reside at 19 Lynnstone Court, Asheville, N.C.

2- Laurier Jefferson Bennett, Jr. (James). b.8-11-1922. Asheville, N.C. Educated in city Schools of Asheville, Skyland School, Winston-Salem, N.C. Graduate Lee Edwards High School, Asheville, N.C. James is five feet, ten inches in height, blond hair, blue eyes. Worked in composing room, Asheville, N.C. for Citizen-Times. Since September, 1940, has been employed with Southern Railway, Ashaville Division as Caller. Is Mason (Blue Lodge 665 the same as his father) 14th degree. Is Baptist. Married to the former Marian Rhymer of Asheville N.C. Born, reared and educated in city schools of Asheville, N.C. Graduate of Lee Edwards High School. Parents of three children. James Michael Bennett. b.2-4-1950. Gary Kent Bennett. b.1-21-1953. Kathy Sue Bennett. b.8-2-1955. Reside at 50 Russell Street, Asheville, N.C.

Children of Laurier Jefferson Bennett and Era Ruth Bennett, continued next page.

Continued- Family of Laurier Jefferson and
Era Ruth Bennett.

3- Horace LeRoy Bennett. b. 12-7-1926. Asheville, N.C. Educated at Murray Hill School, Vance School. Graduate of Lee Edwards High School Asheville, N.C.(Attended Skyland School,)1943. Winston-Salem, N.C.) Employed with US Civil Service, Asheville, N.C. Enlisted United States Navy. Trained at Camp Perry, Virginia. Served in Pacific theatre, WW2. USS Sitkoh Bay, USS Blessman, USS PC 1539. United States Naval Supply Base, Guam, Marianas Islands. After discharge at Camp Shelton, Virginia, June, 1946., attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 1946-1948. Graduated Wake Forest College, Wake Forest,N.C. June 5, 1950. AB English-French-Education. Taught High School,(Gold Sand High) Louisburg, N.C. 1950-1951. Taught Zeb Vance High School, Kittrell, N.C. 1951-1952. Employed as Equipment engineer, SBT&T Co. Winston-Salem,N.C. Worked Asheville,N.C. Now in District Office, Greensboro, N.C. Baptist. Mason (Blue Lodge 665 Asheville,N.C.) Married Clara Elizabeth Ramsey. b. 6-21-1933. Born Marshall, N.C. Daughter of Andrew Jackson Ramsey and Jane McFadyen (nee) Ramsey. Graduate Marshall High School, May, 1951. Graduate of Woman's College, University of North Carolina, June 1955. AB primary education. Taught Ray Street School, High Point, N.C. 1955-1956. Three years Calvin Wiley School (1956-1959), Greensboro, N.C. Members First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. One son. James Andrew Bennett. b. 1-15-1960. Wesley Long Hospital, Greensboro, N.C.

Here ends the children of my parents, Laurier and Era Bennett.

Continued- Family of Cary Dexter Bennett & Wife
Dora Pendergraft Bennett.

3- Hula Etoy Bennett. b.7-16-1898. Married Cecil Perry. Four children. Hortense. Husband's name not known. Children's names not known. Resides in Raleigh, N.C.(Hula & Cecil- 6 Daisy st. Raleigh, N.C.) Olivia, the second daughter of Cecil and Hula, married a first generation American-Italian, name not known, has four fine children. They are residents in the state of California. Doris Mae Perry the third child, has been married twice. She has one child by each of her husbands. Resident of Raleigh, N.C. Fourth Child is Cecil Perry, Jr. He attended the University of North Carolina on a VFW scholarship. Is married. One child. I do not know the ages, marriage dates, names of wife or husbands of the children of Hula and Cecil Perry. Names upon request were not furnished.

4- Hattie Mae Bennett.b.3-27-1905. Married Buck Norwood. Lives in Washington, D.C. Buck died in 1957. I have never met either of them.

5- Jessie Lee Bennett. b.4-24-1907. Married John Colson, native of Canada. Place of birth not known. He is retired from USN with rank of Chief Machinist's Mate. Presently reside in San Diego, California.

6- Joseph Dexter Bennett. b.5-18-1909. Not married. Employed as circulation carrier with Raleigh News and Observer, Raleigh, N.C. Employed by Raleigh News and Observer since 1919. Lives at Andrew Johnson Hotel, Raleigh, N.C.

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Here ends the family of Cary Dexter and Dora Dean Pendergraft (nee) Bennett.

Continued- Family of Joseph Zebulon and Eugenia Yates Bennett

4- Joseph Allen Bennett. b. 9-17-1870. d. 1945. Married Lenna Powell daughter of Alf(red) Powell of Fuquay, N.C.

Children-

a- Mildred Allen Bennett.b. Married Robert Powell. One son James Lee Powell. Live Raleigh, N.C. Rt.2. Dates of birth, etc. not sent upon request.

b- Dwight Wray Bennett. b. Married 'Pat' Patton. One son adopted. Dwight Graduated from North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N.C. He presently resides Hendersonville, N.C. Is County farm agent of Henderson county. Wife taught school for many years in Henderson County and in Buncombe county.

c- Lottie Lee Bennett. b. Married Roy Womble. One daughter Dorothy Womble married Walter Ray Franks. Live Apex, N.C. Rt.2.

d. Lulan Bennett- b. d. ca.1923. Male.

e. Metta Bennett. b. Married Wade Clark. Two daughters. Barbara Ann Clark and Sarah Patricia Clark. Barbara married James Woodall. Sarah lives with parents on Avent Ferry Rd., Raleigh, N.C.

f. Lovie Bennett. b. Married Clifford Goolsby. Have one daughter Margaret Goolsby. Live in Cary, N.C.

The above information furnished to me by Mrs. J.C. Mann of Apex, North Carolina. Generally, it has been through her efforts to tabulate information on the family of Joseph Allen Bennett. If and when it becomes available to me, I shall gladly send it to you.

Continued- Family of Joseph and Eugenia Yates Bennett.

5- Laeuna Adeline Bennett. b.2-21-1883. Presently resides in Lillington, N.C. Married Alonzo Lewis Wilson.

Children:

a. Gladys Wilson. b.12-12-1902. Not married lives with mother.

b. Alma Wilson. b. 10-5-1906. Married Louis Wicker. Lives in Sinking Springs, Rt.2, Pennsylvania.

c. Lela Eugenia Wilson. b. 10-7-1909. Married Austin Beasley. Lela is dead.

d. Neil Robert Wilson. b. 6-22-1910. Married Thelma Searcy. Lives in Lillington, N.C. Rt. 3.

e. Irma Blanche Wilson. b. 3-1-1913. Married twice. #1. J.D. Broglin. #2. Alfred Plock. Lives in Derby, Connecticut.

f. Raymond Alonzo Wilson. b. 10-9-1915. Married Belle Barefoot. Lives 206 Marshall Rd., Fayetteville, N.C.

g. Edwin Troy Wilson. b. 3-16-1918. Not Married.

h. Ruby Lynn Wilson. b. 12-18-1919. Married Clyde Starling. Lives 400 Rodie Ave., Fayetteville, N.C.

j. Frances Juanita Wilson. b. 2-3-1922. Married Robert Nulty. Have one daughter. I had the pleasure of meeting them in September, 1959 in the home of my great-aunt, Mary Haighwood (Mrs. John Knox Haighwood), Lillington, N.C. They are residents of Gomer, Ohio. Bob is a photographer by trade.

The names of the children of Laeuna Adeline Bennett (nee) Wilson's children may be obtained by writing her. Unfortunately, it was an error on my part to omit them.

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ADDENDUM TO THE FAMILY OF LAEUNA ADELINE WILSON-

1. Gladys Bennett Wilson. b.12-11-1902. Baptist. Not married. Lives at home.
2. Ruth Alma Wilson. b.10-5-1906. Housewife. Presbyterian. Married to Lewis Wilson.dec. Remarried to Raymond Welch in 1952. Raymond is policeman, veteran. No issue by either marriage.
3. Lela Eugenia Wilson.b.9-7-1909. d.12-23-1935.bur.Kittybeck Church Cemetery near Angier, N.C. Was Baptist. Married W.A. Beasley 12-6-1928. Three children. Husband Veteran. Children:
   - a- Alice Marie Beasley. b.9-28-1929. Housewife. Married Hilton Stewart. Farmer. m.4-24-1953. Three children born of this marriage. Baptists.
   - b- Garland Lee Beasley. b. 10-7-1930. Baptist. Is Boatbuilder. Not married.
   - c- Mary Lee Beasley. b.10-4-1934. Housewife. Baptist. Married to Roger Barker. m.1-24-1953. Roger is boatbuilder. No issue.
   - d.
4. Neil Robert Wilson. b. 6-22-1910. Is Service Station Attendant. Married to Thelma Sercy 11-27-1933. Veteran of WW2, wounded in combat. Six children born of this marriage and all are missionary Baptists.
   Children:
   - a- Bobby Allen Wilson. b.9-13-1934.Married Eleanor Zigrnent. m.7-27-1957. One child. Bobby has own cleaning business.
   - b- Leroy Wilson.b.12-26-1936. Married Barbara Bishop 8-28-1957. Is farmer. Has two children.
   - c- Lewis Edward Wilson. b.4-27-1938. Not married. In Military Service at this time.
   - d- James Robert Wilson.b.6-17-1940. Not married. In military service at this time.
   - e- Linda Faye Wilson.b.10-17-1942. Not married. In school at this time.
   - f- Everette Woodrow Wilson.b.7-12-1951. In school at this time.

5. Erma Blanche Wilson.b.3-1-1913. Congregational. Works for B.F. Goodrich Co. Married to J.D. Broglin & divorced In 1948. Remarried to Alfred John Plocke 8-23-1959. Alfred is Catholic. Works for American Brass Co. One Child. Hilda Gray Broglin. b.2-4-1929. Is insurance Agent. Married to Kenneth K. Kirby. Is Real Estate Agent. M.11-2-1950. No children. Presbyterians. Husband is veteran of WW2.
6. Raymond Alonzo Wilson.b.10-9-1915. Technical Representative Vertol Aircraft Corp. Veteran of WW2. Married to Iva Belle Barefoot 11-1-1935. One daughter born of this marriage. Betty Ann Wilson.b.8-28-1936. Baptist. Married to Bobby Alton Hunt 6-11-1952. Divorced September, 1956. Two children.
7. Edwin Troy Wilson. b.3-16-1918. d.2-23-1953. Was Baptist. Not married. Buried Harnett Memorial Park, Lillington, N.C.

Continuation of Addendum-

8. Ruby Lynn Wilson, b.12-18-1919. Baptist. Works A&P Tea Co. Cashier. Married to Clyde Wilson Starling. Mgr. Army Commissary, Fort Bragg. M. 11-9-1940. No children. Husband is veteran.

9. Frances Juanita Wilson. b.2-3-1922.Baptist. Housewife. Married to Charles Robert Nulty. Catholic. Owns business Is Photographer. M.1-23-1943. Veteran. One child born of this marriage. Una Frances Nulty. 7-25-1956.

Russell Jackson Bennett

Russell Jackson Bennett was a Baptist minister and served as pastor of the New Hill Baptist Church. The youngest of four sons of John & Gilly Bennett, Russell was born January 9, 1834, in the Swift Creek Township, Wake County, N.C.

Census records of 1840 indicate he and his brothers had attended school during the current year. Sketchy as these records are, it is known that some form of tuition was paid to obtain it. Free education, as it is known today in North Carolina, was non-existent in ante-bellum North Carolina. It is a high tribute that parents who were financially able to have their children schooled in the fundamentals, also realized the value of an education.

It is difficult to look in retrospect on the times when the sons of John & Gilly Bennett were growing to young manhood. Time comparable to the thirties and early forties of the twentieth century, a period of high dissension and sectional squabbling; of the threats of war and political hatreds, nullification; of families torn by desire for the cherished ways of life, consummated in fratricide between unprincipaled and dedicated forces representing industry and interests, and an equally dedicated force representing agrarian interests, struggling for four long years in a fight to the death.

But, the pendulum of time, like the pendulum of a clock, makes its full swing and returns to its original position, as it always has. People die, babies are born, fortunes are made and lost; people love and people hate. And in between are the people who suffer and profit the most. So it is with you and I.

Had the world been perfect, had all people looked alike, dressed alike, spoke the same language, or had the same ambitions, then we would have had few things to discuss or learn. As it is, the year 1960 is not much different from the year 1860, 1760, 1660, etc.

Of the four sons of John & Gilly Bennett, the most prolific is the family of Russell Jackson Bennett and wife, Drucilla Catherine Olive. Married on September 14, 1862 by R.M. Brown, justice of the peace, they proceeded to have children, who in turn had children, ad infinitum.

The following geneological data confirms this. Although many portions are omitted, it is because I was not given the information.

Horace LeRoy Bennett
Greensboro, North Carolina
March, 1960.

Russell Jackson Bennett. b. 1-9-1834. d.4-4-1911. married Drucilla Catherine Olive September 14, 1862 by R.M. Brown, JP. Buried in Bennett Cemetery below New Hill, N.C., Wake County.
Children:

1. Silas Jackson Bennett. b.----1863. d.---1920. Married Betty E. Welch. b.----1862.d.---1937.

   Children;

   a. Florence Bennett. b.3-31-1892. married C.C.(Buck) Ferguson. b. Chatham Co., Virginia. Married January 24, 1915. Children;

      1-Gertha L. Ferguson: b.4-17-1916. married Charles H. Warren.b. 1912. No issue. Last known address: 402 Celeste Ave., Baltimore, Md.

      2-Jack Ferguson. b.10-25-1920. Married Elizabeth Trotman. b. 1923. Has one son, Christopher C. Ferguson, b. 1953. Jack lives close to his mother at New Hill, N.C. Is barber by trade. Vet. WW11.

      3-Sue B. Ferguson. b. 9- -1925. Married Aubry K. Maples. b.1923 Is housewife. Husband is conductor On Seaboard Airline Railroad. Address: 707 Rollins Ave., Hamlet, N.C. One son, Harry V. Maples b. 9-2-1948.

   b. Lola Margaret Bennett.b.7-27-1897. New Hill, N.C. Married Claude Goodman, Sr. b.8-8-1894. M.3-30-1918. Children:

      1-Mildred Lee Goodman.b.2-7-1919.m. Joseph Benjamin Sanders, 5-22-1942. b.2-18-1921. Killed in action in France 6-20-1944. One child, Phyliss Robbin Sanders, b. 3-18-1944.

      2-Claude Goodman, jr.b.2-9-1921. m. Felicia Godwin Canter, 11-19-1955. b.8-20-1931. Claude served in ETO WW11, USA, Two Children: Delcinia Lynn Goodman, b.11-20-1956. Claude Randall Goodman, b.11-13-1958.

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3-Murphy Russell Goodman.b.10-11-1925 married Annie Dean Adcock 2-26-1950. b.10-14-1926. Served in USA in ETO WW11.One Child Larry Russell, b.4-22-1951.

4-Betty Lou Goodman.b.8-21-1926. Married Leon Elmo Loyton, 8-7-1946. b.12-29-1923. He served in ETO in WW11. Four Children: Lynda Carol b.5-2-1949. Pamela Jo b.5-17-1950. Deborah Gail b.10-12-1951. Michael Wayne is adopted son b. 10-29-1954.

5-Patricia Antionette Goodman.b.2-22-1930. Married Mack Edwin Howard, 1-14-1950. b.6-2-1930. One child: Toni Marie Howard.b.12-13-1956.

c. Jennie Bennett.b.12-28-1893. d-----1959. Married Henry Albert Clemens. Date of birth notknown. Born in Germany.

It is an amazing thing during the 20th century to discover a family with more than five children. However, the two people above are the parents of nine living children! Please observe.

1- Elizabeth Clemens.b.5-8-1915. No report of marriage. Address not known. (presumably Raleigh, N.C.)

2- Marjorie Clemens.b.4-4-1917. M. H.B. Sentor. One son. Name not known. Address not known.(H.B. Sentor, Jr.)

3- Henry Albert Clemens.b.11-6-1918. Married Tessie Lee. Four children. Sexes not known. Address not known.

4-Dorothy Clemens.b.9-23-1920.Married David Boone(Killed WW11) Joined WAF, served Japan, married Captain Edward Siegall, one child. Name not known. Address not known.

5- Virginia Clemens.b.2-28-1923. Married Thomas Huchins. Have five children. Names not known. Address not known.

6- Tommy Clemens.b.3-26-1926. Married Marian Lee. Two children. Names not known. Address not known.

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7- Marie Clemens.b.2-4-1928. Marr. James Strebich. Four children. Names Not known. address not known.

8-Frances Clemens.b.2-24-1930. Married T.H. Windom. Two children. Names not known. Address not known.

9- Drucilla Clemens.b.8-16-1936. No report of marriage.

Henry and Tommy Clemens served in USN Pacific theatre, WW11. The children of Henry and Jennie Clemens received their education in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh, N.C.

d. Sallie H. Bennett. b.10-10-1895. Married James Walter Moore. b.8-27-1887. d.2-28-1952

Children:

1- Blois Bennett Moore.b.9-25-1917. Married W.H. Crossland. Two Children: William Earl Crossland. James Robert Crossland. Dates of birth not known. Address not known. Blois educated at St.Mary's College (Episcopal) & Meredith College (Baptist), Raleigh, N.C.

2- Mary Alice Moore.b.6-19-1922. Married John E. Park. One child, Stephen John Park. Mary Alice Attended Public Schools, Raleigh, N.C. and Peace College, Raleigh, N.C.

Information received from Florence Ferguson, New Hill, N.C. 11-12-1959.

e. John A. Bennett. b.------1899. Married Lela Goodwin Simon. No issue. Runs general store, New Hill, N.C.

f. William J. (Bunn) Bennett. b.5-19-1902. Married Ella Cox. b.1-9-1909.(This is second wife of William. Name of first wife not known.) M.10-30-1937. One son:

1- William Earl Bennett.b.9-12-1927. Married Jeanne Justine Cleary. Place of marriage: East Hampton, Massachusetts. One son born 3-22-1955. Name- William Arthur Bennett. Residents of Brandon, Mississippi, RFD2.

Information from F. 11-10-1959.

g. Mary Edna Bennett.b.-----1906. Married Emory Goodwin. Three children:

1- Ruth Goodwin. b.10-10-1925. Married John Maynard.b.6-18-1918. M.1-21-1947. two children:
Mary Nell Maynard.b.10-31-1951.
Emory Thomas Maynard.b.7-22-1957.
Present address- Apex, N.C.

2- Catherine Goodwin.b.3-26-1928. Married Van G. Prince.b.5-31-1931. M.4-27-1951. Two children-
Kathy Sue Prince.b----1953.
Patricia Prince.b.----1954.
Present address- Apex, N.C.

3- William Goodwin.b. 9-28-1929. No report. Old enough.

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h. Frank R. Bennett.b.7-22-1909. Married Jewel Palmer Pattishall 12-22-1928. Residents in Vienna, Virginia a/o 1959.

Children:

1- James Norris Bennett.b.6-26-1930. Married Thelma Louise Dubley. b.6-26-1919 (Not sure). M.5-1-1951. Two children-Deborah Jean Bennett. b.5-30-1954.
Kathy Lee Bennett.b.2-27-1959.

2- Richard Ray Bennett.b.1-27-1932. Married Betty Joan Maden on 8-2-1952. b.9-8-1933. Two children
Steven Ray Bennett.b.5-19-1954.
Cheryl Ann Bennett.b.7-3-1958.

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Here ends the chronology of the Family of Silas Bennett & wife Betty Welch Bennett.

(The following information is about the second son of Russell Jackson Bennett, fourth son of John & Gilly Sugg Bennett)

2- William Russell (Billy) Bennett, b.11-20-1864 New Hill, N.C. Died at Glen Wilton, Virginia, 10-29-1919. Buried, Glen Wilton, Virginia. Married Mattie Victoria Lashee, m.1-11-1893. b.11-17-1872. d.7-22-1926.

Children:

1- Susie Bennett. b.1-12-1895. d.3-26-1921. Married John R. Blanks no issue.

2-Mary Bell Bennett. b.8-9-19001 d.10-10-1900.

3- Kathleen Bennett. b.7-27-1902. Norfolk, Virginia. Married June 6, 1923 to Thomas Craig McDow, b.1-11-1892 Lancaster, S.C. Died June 13, 1950, Waynesboro, Va.

The following are the children of Kathleen Bennett McDow. The information was sent to me in a letter dated July 19, 1959, and contains essentially what was written by Kathleen.

1- Russell Edward McDow. b.6-1-1924. Lynchburg, Virginia. Russell married Estelle Vereen Dobson(June 10,1923), a WW11 widow, August 2, 1948. Children: Andrea Dobson. b.1-23-1943. Russell Edward McDow, jr. b.3-14-1950

Russell graduated from E.C. Glass High School in 1941, did post-graduate through 1942. Entered Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York in 1942. Graduated January, 1944 and entered Merchant Marine Service, Sea Service in Pacific and Atlantic Theatres during WW2 and Omaha Beach on D-Day, 1944. Obtained unlimited Master's License in 1949 and command of own vessel 1951. Now sails with Farrell lines of New York as Master of SS African Planet, 17,500 tons.

2- Thomas Craig McDow, jr. b.11-5-1926. Married Nancy Mae Dobson, b.3-19-1927., on July 23, 1949, in Lynchburg, Va. Children: Timothy Craig McDow. b.1-31-1953. David Michael McDow. b.10-6-1957. Cynthia Leigh McDow. b.12-29-1958.

For information of Thomas Craig McDow, please find on page following.

Thomas Craig McDow enlisted in the United States Navy November 1, 1944 at Lynchburg, Virginia. Discharged Honorably at Camp Shelton, Virginia, July 4, 1946, with rate of PhM3C. Attended the Hospital Corps School at San Diego, California. He spent most of his service at Camp LeJeune, N.C. Attended one year at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, and one year at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Upon the untimely death of his father, he continued in the funeral home, McDow-Tyree, a business which his father had established, at Waynesboro, Virginia.

Thomas Craig McDow, Sr. enlisted in the United States Army in Tampa, Florida June 16, 1917. Discharged at Camp Gordon, Georgia, July 18, 1919. Honorably discharged as Sgt. 1/C in the medical corps. No foreign service. Attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming. After graduation he worked for J.E. Fauber Funeral Home, Lynchburg, Virginia for twenty-five years. On February 8, 1949, he established the McDow-Tyree Funeral Home in Waynesboro, Virginia.

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The third child of Russell Jackson Bennett and wife Drucilla Catherine Olive was named Hettie Bennett.

3- Hettie Bennett. b.-----1875.d. ----1900. Married Henry Barker. One child: Minalee Barker.b----1900. address not known. Marriage not known. Children not known. Grandchildren not known

The fourth child of Russell Jackson Bennett and wife Drucilla Catherine Olive was named Mary Alice Bennett.

4- Mary Alice Bennett. b.----1880.d.----? Married Arthur Levister of New Hill, N.C. Circumstances of the death of their child's death, Maxie Levister, are not known to me. b.-----1898.d.----1900. It is known that upon the death of Maxie, Mary Alice, a striking beautiful woman from her picture, separated from Arthur Levister. My great-grandfather, Joseph Zebulon Bennett, and second cousin, Mrs. J.C. Mann (nee Woodward) were in attendance to Mary Alice.

Mary Alice remarried after several years to L.E. Digges. Two children were born to them. Edward Digges,b.----1913. who married Christine McLain and have two children, Alicia and Eddie, all of whom live in Lake City, South Carolina. The second son of this last marriage of Mary Alice and L.E. Digges, was named William H. Digges.b.----1916. d.1937.

Here ends the chronology of the family of Russell Jackson Bennett & wife Drucilla Catherine Olive.

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